

**CHAPTER 11**  
**ADDENDUM C (FY 2004)**

## **HOSPICE RATE INFORMATION - FY 2004 HOSPICE WAGE INDEXES FOR RURAL AREAS**

The following Hospice Indexes for Rural Areas are for care and services provided on or after October 1, 2003.

<b>MSA CODE</b>	<b>NONURBAN AREA</b>	<b>WAGE INDEX<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>MSA CODE</b>	<b>NONURBAN AREA</b>	<b>WAGE INDEX<sup>3</sup></b>
9901	Alabama .....	0.8129	9938	Oregon .....	1.0934
9902	Alaska.....	1.3046	9939	Pennsylvania.....	0.8980
9903	Arizona.....	0.9013	9940	Puerto Rico.....	0.5009
9904	Arkansas .....	0.8135	9941	Rhode Island <sup>4</sup> .....	-----
9905	California .....	1.0443	9942	South Carolina.....	0.9134
9906	Colorado .....	0.9567	9943	South Dakota .....	0.8294
9907	Connecticut.....	1.3153	9944	Tennessee.....	0.8359
9908	Delaware .....	0.9687	9945	Texas.....	0.8300
9910	Florida .....	0.9354	9946	Utah.....	0.9882
9911	Georgia .....	0.8734	9947	Vermont .....	0.9917
9912	Hawaii .....	1.0883	9948	Virgin Islands.....	1.0200
9913	Idaho .....	0.9283	9949	Virginia .....	0.9025
9914	Illinois .....	0.8706	9950	Washington .....	1.0802
9915	Indiana .....	0.9291	9951	West Virginia.....	0.8463
9916	Iowa .....	0.8824	9952	Wisconsin .....	0.9723
9917	Kansas .....	0.8408	9953	Wyoming .....	0.9559
9918	Kentucky .....	0.8574	9965	Guam .....	0.8325
9919	Louisiana.....	0.8030			
9920	Maine.....	0.9417			
9921	Maryland .....	0.9494			
9922	Massachusetts .....	1.1979			
9923	Michigan .....	0.9551			
9924	Minnesota .....	0.9711			
9925	Mississippi .....	0.8150			
9926	Missouri .....	0.8512			
9927	Montana .....	0.9000			
9928	Nebraska .....	0.8706			
9929	Nevada .....	1.0164			
9930	New Hampshire.....	1.0396			
9931	New Jersey <sup>4</sup> .....	-----			
9932	New Mexico.....	0.9415			
9933	New York .....	0.9065			
9934	North Carolina .....	0.9197			
9935	North Dakota .....	0.8265			
9936	Ohio .....	0.9140			
9937	Oklahoma .....	0.8055			

<sup>3</sup> Wage index values are based on FY 2000 hospital cost report data before reclassification. This wage index is further adjusted. Wage index values greater than 0.8 are subject to a budget-neutrality adjustment of 1.061238. Wage index values below 0.8 are adjusted to be the greater of a 15-percent increase, subject to a maximum wage index value of 0.8, or an adjustment by multiplying the hospital wage index value for a given area by the budget-neutrality adjustment. We have completed all of these adjustments and have included them in the wage index values reflected in this table.

<sup>4</sup> All counties within the State are classified as urban.

